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15. 1. ~~(C/NFO)~~ DURING A VISIT TO THE 1ST ARMOR BRIGADE HQ IN TANDIL (b)(3):10 USC 424 HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH SOURCE CONCERNING THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN ARGENTINA.

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

[REDACTED] DESCRIBING THE POLITICAL EVENTS IN ARGENTINA, HE COMMENTED THAT FORMER SUPPORTERS OF GENERAL PERON NOW AGREE WITH HIM THAT THE PERONIST MOVEMENT IS BANKRUPT. HE ADDED THAT THE PERONISTS MANAGED TO DESTROY THE NATION IN 12 YEARS DURING THEIR FIRST TENURE, AND SINCE THEIR RETURN HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REPEATED THE PERFORMANCE IN ONLY TWO YEARS. HE STATED THAT THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION WAS CORRUPT AND HAD TO BE REMOVED.

2. ~~(C/NFO)~~ SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE MILITARY WAS NOT YET READY TO LEAVE THE BARRACKS AND HOPED TO ACHIEVE CHANGE THRU CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES. HOWEVER, HE HELD LITTLE HOPE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION STATING THAT THERE WERE TOO MANY LEFTISTS IN THE CURRENT GOV. IN THIS REGARD, HE IMPLIED THAT THEY (THE MILITARY) KNEW WHO, AND WHERE THE LEFTISTS WERE AND PLANNED TO TAKE CARE OF THEM IN DUE TIME. WHEN ASKED TO ELABORATE ON THIS POINT, SOURCE RECALLED FRANCO'S REVOLUTION IN SPAIN. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE TIME CAME TO GO THE STREETS, THERE WOULD BE NO LEFTIST OR COMMUNIST SURVIVORS.

3. ~~(C/NFO)~~ SOURCE BECAME INCENSED WHEN THE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION SHIFTED TO THE PRESENT TERRORIST SITUATION. ALTHOUGH HE PERCEIVED NO SPECIFIC TERRORIST THREAT IN TANDIL, HE HAS TAKEN PRECAUTIONS TO REACT TO GUERRILLA ACTIVITY SHOULD IT OCCUR (SEE IR (b)(3):10 USC 424). HE STATED THAT "HIS ORDERS" WERE TO TAKE NO PRISONERS (IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER HIS ORDERS WERE FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY OR WERE APPLICABLE ONLY TO HIS OWN COMMAND). HE SAW NO VALUE IN POW INTERROGATION, CITING THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNISTS/LEFTISTS WERE CELLULARLY ORGANIZED AND HAD LITTLE TO OFFER ONCE CAPTURED.

4. (b)(3):10 USC 424 ~~(C/NFO)~~ SOURCE OPENLY ADMITS HIS HATRED OF THE PERONISTS, LEFTISTS AND COMMUNISTS AND BELIEVES THEY MUST BE ELIMINATED. MANY OF HIS OBSERVATIONS, HOWEVER, MAY REPRESENT HIS OWN PERSONAL BIAS AND REFLECT WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO, GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY. IT IS NOTeworthy TO MENTION THAT HIS COMMENTS ON POW'S ARE THE FIRST OF THIS TYPE HEARD IN THE I CORPS AO. PREVIOUSLY REMARKS OF THIS NATURE HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE TUCUMAN OPERATION IN III CORPS (SEE IR Sec. 3.3(b) (1)). IT APPEARS THAT THE SENTIMENT ON NEGATIVE POW RETENTION IS MORE WIDESPREAD THAN EARLIER BELIEVED.

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BRIGADE WITH ITS REGIMENTS IN MAGDALENA (b)(3):10 USC 424 ,
OLAVARRIA (b)(3):10 USC 42 , AND AZUL (b)(3):10 USC 42 COULD PLAY
AN IMPORTANT ROLE IF THERE WERE A MILITARY MOVE AGAINST THE
PERON REGIME.

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